

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An information-signal playback system comprising an information-signal reading apparatus and an information-signal processing apparatus, the information-signal reading apparatus comprising:

readout means for reading out media type ~~identification~~ information from a recording medium, the media type information indicating a type for the recording medium;

encryption means for encrypting the media type ~~identification~~ information to create encrypted media type ~~identification~~ information; and

output means for supplying, to the information-signal processing apparatus, the encrypted media type ~~identification~~ information, the media type ~~identification~~ information, and a main information signal which includes copy control information; and

the information-signal processing apparatus comprising:

~~storage means for storing the encrypted identification information and the identification information;~~

decryption means for decrypting the encrypted media type ~~identification~~ information received from the information-signal reading apparatus;

comparing means for comparing the decrypted media type identification information with the media type identification information, to judge if an attempt to alter the media type identification information has been performed; and

control means for controlling output of ~~predetermined processing carried out on~~ the main information signal on the basis of the media type identification information, the decrypted media type identification information, the judgment of whether an attempt to alter the media type identification information has been performed, and the copy control information.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) An information-signal playback system according to claim 1 wherein the encryption means employed in the information-signal reading apparatus encrypts the media type identification information in accordance with a CSS system.

4. (Previously Presented) An information-signal playback system according to claim 1 wherein:

information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation for controlling a copy operation has been added to the main information signal recorded on the recording medium;

the information-signal processing apparatus includes a detecting means for detecting the information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation added to the main information signal received from the information-signal reading apparatus; and

the control means controls the predetermined processing carried out on the main information signal by taking the information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation detected by the information-signal detecting means into consideration.

5. (Previously Presented) An information-signal playback system according to claim 4 wherein:

the information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation is superposed on the main information signal; and

the information indicating never-copy or one-copy control detecting means employed in the information-signal processing apparatus detects the superposed information on the main information signal.

6-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) An information-signal reading apparatus comprising:

readout means for reading out media type ~~identification~~ information from a recording medium, the media type information indicating a type for the recording medium;

encryption means for encrypting the media type ~~identification~~ information to create encrypted media type ~~identification~~ information; and

output means for supplying, to an information-signal processing apparatus, the encrypted media type ~~identification~~ information, the media type ~~identification~~ information, and a main information signal which includes copy control information;

wherein the information-signal processing apparatus comprises~~[[:]]~~ a

~~storage means for storing the encrypted identification information and the identification information; and~~

comparing means for decrypting the encrypted media type ~~identification~~ information and comparing the decrypted media type ~~identification~~ information with the media type ~~identification~~ information to judge if an attempt to alter the media type ~~identification~~ information has been performed.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) An information-signal reading apparatus according to claim 13 wherein the encryption means employed in the information-signal reading

apparatus encrypts the media type identification information and copyright protection in accordance with a CSS system.

16-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) An information-signal processing apparatus,
comprising:

~~storage means for storing identification information and encrypted identification information created by encrypting the identification information;~~

media type decoding means for receiving media type information, the media type information indicating a type for a recording medium;

decrypting means for receiving the media type information in encrypted form, and decrypting the encrypted media type identification information;

comparing means for comparing the decrypted media type identification information with the media type identification information to judge if an attempt to alter the media type identification information has been performed; and

control means for controlling output of a predetermined processing carried out on a main information signal that includes copy control information on the basis of the media type identification information, the decrypted media type identification information, the judgment of whether an attempt to alter the media type identification information has been performed, and the copy control information.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) An information-signal processing apparatus according to claim 20 wherein the encrypted media type ~~identification~~ information is information encrypted in accordance with a CSS system.

23. (Previously Presented) An information-signal processing apparatus according to claim 20 wherein:

information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation for controlling a copy operation has been added to the main information signal;

a detecting means is provided for detecting the information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation added to the main information signal; and

the control means controls an operation to output the main information signal by taking the information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation detected by the information-signal detecting means into consideration.

24. (Previously Presented) An information-signal processing apparatus according to claim 23 wherein:

the information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation is superposed on the main information signal; and

the information indicating never-copy or one copy detecting means detects the superposed information on the main information signal.

25-31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) An information-signal playback method comprising the steps of:

supplying media type identification information indicating a type for a recording medium, encrypted media type identification information created by encrypting the media type identification information, and a main information signal which includes copy control information;

~~storing the encrypted identification information and the identification information in a storage means;~~

decrypting the encrypted media type identification information;

controlling output of a predetermined processing carried out on a main information signal on the basis of the media type identification information, the decrypted media type identification information, and the copy control information; and

comparing the decrypted media type identification information with the media type identification information to judge if an attempt to alter the media type identification information has been performed.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently Amended) An information-signal playback method according to claim 32 further including the step of encrypting the media type ~~identification~~ information in accordance with a CSS system.

35. (Previously Presented) An information-signal playback method according to claim 32;

wherein information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation for controlling a copy operation has been added to the main information signal recorded on the recording medium,

the information-signal playback method further including the step of detecting the information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation added to the main information signal; and

controlling predetermined processing carried out on the main information signal by taking the detected information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation into consideration.

36. (Previously Presented) An information-signal playback method according to claim 35;

wherein the information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation is superposed on the main information signal, the information-signal playback method further including the step of detecting the superposed information on the main information signal.

37-43. (Canceled)

44. (Currently Amended) An information-signal reading method comprising:
supplying media type identification information indicating a type for a recording medium, encrypted media type identification information created by encrypting the media type identification information, and a main information signal which includes copy control information; and

~~storing the encrypted identification information and the identification information in a storage means;~~

decrypting and comparing the encrypted media type identification information with the media type identification information to judge if an attempt to alter the media type identification information has been performed.

45. (Canceled)

46. (Currently Amended) An information-signal reading method according to claim 44 further including the step of encrypting the media type identification information ~~on copyright protection~~ in accordance with a CSS system.

47-50. (Canceled)

51. (Currently Amended) An information-signal processing method comprising:
receiving storing media type information indicating a type for a recording medium
~~identification information~~ and encrypted media type identification information created by
encrypting the media type identification information ~~in a storage means~~;
decrypting the encrypted media type identification information;
comparing the decrypted media type identification information with the media
type identification information to judge if an attempt to alter the media type identification
information has been performed; and
controlling output of a predetermined processing carried out on a main
information signal including copy control information on the basis of the media type
~~identification~~ information, the decrypted media type identification information, the
judgment of whether an attempt to alter the media type identification information has
been performed, and the copy control information.

52. (Canceled)

53. (Currently Amended) An information-signal processing method according to claim 51 wherein the encrypted media type identification information is information encrypted in accordance with a CSS system.

54. (Previously Presented) An information-signal processing method according to claim 51 wherein:

information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation for controlling a copy operation has been added to the main information signal; and

the information-signal processing method further comprising:

detecting the information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation added to the main information signal;

controlling the predetermined processing carried out on the main information signal by taking the detected information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation into consideration.

55. (Previously Presented) An information-signal processing method according to claim 54 wherein the information indicating never-copy or one-copy control implementation is superposed on the main information signal, the information-signal processing method further including the step of detecting the superposed information on the main information signal.

56-62. (Canceled)

63. (New) The information-signal playback system according to claim 1, wherein the control means outputs the main information signal if the media type information indicates the recording medium is read-only and the copy control information indicates never copy.

64. (New) The information-signal playback system according to claim 1, wherein the control means outputs the main information signal if the media type information indicates the recording medium is read-only and the copy control information indicates one copy.

65. (New) The information-signal playback system according to claim 1, wherein the control means does not output the main information signal if the media type information indicates the recording medium is read-only and the copy control information indicates no more copies.

66. (New) The information-signal playback system according to claim 1, wherein the control means does not output the main information signal if the media type

information indicates the recording medium is rewritable and the copy control information indicates never copy.

67. (New) The information-signal playback system according to claim 1, wherein the control means does not output the main information signal if the media type information indicates the recording medium is rewritable and the copy control information indicates one copy.

68. (New) The information-signal playback system according to claim 1, wherein the control means outputs the main information signal if the media type information indicates the recording medium is rewritable and the copy control information indicates no more copies.